



James Brayshaw, Board Director, Ordnance Survey

James joined the Ordnance Survey Board from the private sector in 2001 and is responsible for industry and customer relationships and new market development, delivering significant growth in the commercial sectors.

He has 25 years' of IT technical and consultative management experience in the Civil Engineering Industry, implementing a wide range of high-value enterprise solutions within key industry sectors such as utilities, construction, defence, transportation, insurance and retail. Prior to joining Ordnance Survey he successfully set up and established the EMEA organisation for a US collaboration and e-commerce web solutions provider for the construction industry. James is a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and sits on their Geospatial and IT Advisory panels working in initiatives that are helping industry rise to government challenges in areas such as flooding and streetworks.



Dr Peter Dailey, Assistant Vice President and Director, Atmospheric Science, AIR Worldwide Ltd

Dr. Peter Dailey has overseen the development of several of AIR's catastrophe models. AIR Worldwide is a provider of risk modeling software and consulting services to more than 400 insurance, reinsurance, financial, corporate and government clients worldwide. He is also responsible for directing projects and developing innovative decision aids in several key areas, including hazard analysis, real-time loss estimation, and climate impacts for important perils and regions worldwide. While at AIR, Dr. Dailey has presented and published original research on a wide array of topics of importance to the insurance industry, including hurricane dynamics, extratropical cyclone risk, and the influence of climate change on insured perils worldwide.

Prior to joining AIR, Dr. Dailey was Principal Meteorologist at Northrup Grumman (formerly TASC). While there, he served as technical lead on numerous governmental and commercial modeling projects involving the development of numerical weather prediction technologies. He was also Principal Investigator on projects aimed at developing operational weather modeling technology for the media—including a modeling system used at The Weather Channel—and led an effort to develop Synthetic Natural Environments for distributed military training simulations.



Dr Matt Huddleston, Principal Consultant – Climate Change, Met Office Consulting, Met Office

Combining expeditions to both the Arctic and Antarctic with a degree in laser Physics, Matt gained a PhD in Polar climate modelling from the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, in 1998.

Matt then joined the Met Office Hadley Centre, developing climate prediction models for global seasonal and climate forecasting. His research interests include long-range forecasting of Atlantic hurricanes and assessing what is 'normal' in our changing climate.

His research team's work hit the headlines in September 2005 with the Met Office's first UK winter forecast. Since then, as part of Met Office Consulting, Matt has been working closely with the commercial world including the insurance, energy and finance industries.

He has authored a report on UK adaptation for the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Task Force on Climate Change and recent projects include the assessing the impacts of climate change on African economies for Barclays. Matt lead the team to update projections of climate change on major perils for the Association of British Insurers for the ABI and AIR Worldwide.



Justin Jacobs, Assistant Director, Property, Liability and Motor, Association of British Insurers

Justin is an Assistant Director at the ABI responsible for property, motor and liability insurance issues. Justin leads the ABI's work on all issues that directly affect these classes of business.

Key work areas include the future of flood insurance and preparing for the impact of climate change; improving the compensation system for those injured or made ill on the road or at work due to negligence; reducing risk at home, at work and on the road; emergency planning; and tackling uninsured driving.

Before joining the ABI in 2004, Justin worked for HM Treasury, the UK Permanent Representation in Brussels (UKREP) and Accenture.



Joan Ruddock MP, Minister for Climate Change

As a backbench MP, Joan Ruddock was a prominent environmental campaigner for many years. Soon after arriving in Parliament, as the MP for Lewisham Deptford, she proposed a private members bill on flytipping that became the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989. In 2002, she introduced another private members bill designed to increase doorstep recycling, which became the Household Waste Recycling Act 2003.

A graduate of Imperial College, Joan Ruddock was also Vice-Chair of Globe International and a Vice-Chair of PRASEG (Associate Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group). She became Minister of Climate Change, Waste and Biodiversity in June 2007, before joining DECC in 2008.



Dr Milan Simic, Managing Director, AIR Worldwide Ltd

As Managing Director of AIR Worldwide Ltd., Dr. Milan Simic is responsible for managing strategic operations in London. AIR Worldwide is a provider of risk modelling software and consulting services to more than 400 insurance, reinsurance, financial, corporate and government clients worldwide. He oversees the business development and client services teams and provides strategic input into AIR's international research efforts. Prior to joining AIR, Dr. Simic worked at Benfield Remetrics Natural Hazards, where his responsibilities included management of complex international catastrophe modelling projects and coordination of Benfield's natural hazards research and development strategy, including the development of CAT models. He was a board member of the Benfield UCL Hazard Research Centre, and he was responsible for maintaining active relationships with national and international government bodies, international financial organizations, and insurance regulators.

Dr. Simic is a Chartered Engineer through the UK Institution of Civil Engineers, a regular speaker at catastrophe-related conferences and an author of numerous papers and feature articles on the subject of insurance loss assessment and soil-structure interaction. He is also a Member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) High-Level Advisory Board on Financial Management of Large-Scale Catastrophes.



Professor Julia Slingo OBE, Chief Scientist, Met Office

Prof. Julia Slingo took up the post of Met Office Chief Scientist in February 2009. Prior to that she was the Director of Climate Research in NERC's National Centre for Atmospheric Science; she held that post at The University of Reading, where she continues as a Professor of Meteorology. In 2006 she founded the Walker Institute for Climate System Research (www.walker-institute.ac.uk) at Reading, aimed at addressing the cross disciplinary challenges of climate change and its impacts.

Prof. Slingo has had a long-term career in climate modelling and research, working at the Met Office, the European Centre for Medium Range Forecasting (ECMWF) and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in the USA. Her personal research addresses problems in tropical climate variability, its influence on the global climate, its role in seasonal to decadal climate prediction, and its response to climate change. Her particular interests are in the monsoons of India and China, as well as El Nino. Increasingly Prof. Slingo's research considers the multi-disciplinary aspects of the impacts of climate variability and change on crops and water resources, and hence the need to improve the representation of weather systems and rainfall distributions in climate prediction models. She has successfully promoted the use of much higher resolution in climate models, required to capture these important processes and phenomena, and this has meant working with some of the world's largest supercomputers, such as the Earth Simulator in Japan.

Prof. Slingo has contributed to the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change and to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). She has served as a member of several national and international committees, including the Met Office and ECMWF Scientific Advisory Committees, and in 2007 was appointed to the Joint Scientific Committee of the World Climate Research Programme. She is regularly involved in Royal Society activities, and in 2008 became the first woman President of the Royal Meteorological Society.

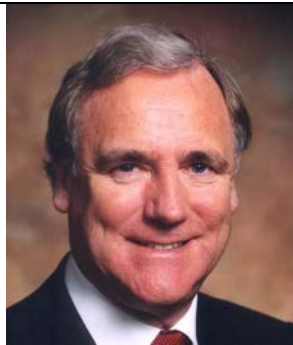


Nick Starling, Director of General Insurance and Health, Association of British Insurers

Nick is Director of General Insurance and Health at the Association of British Insurers. He joined the ABI in 2005 from the Health and Safety Executive, where he was Policy Director. His earlier career was spent at the Department for Transport, where among various posts he was Private Secretary to the Transport Minister and specialised in international aviation. He started his career in the academic world.

Nick is President of the Insurance Charities, a Vice President of the Insurance Institute of London, a Trustee of the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Transport Safety, and a school governor.

Nick is married to Catherine, a teacher, and has two daughters; Anna, a recent graduate, and Miriam, who is at university. In his spare time he enjoys cooking, walking, singing in a church choir, and doing cryptic crosswords.



The Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE, Conservative shadow Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Work and Pensions Minister / Whip

John Taylor has shadowed the Departments for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and for Work and Pensions since July 2006. He joined the House of Lords in April 2006 as Lord Taylor of Holbeach.

He is a director of Taylor's Bulbs of Spalding, a Lincolnshire-based family business which has the Royal Warrant as Bulb Growers to the Queen.

Lord Taylor has been highly active within the Conservative Party, having served on the Executive Committee of the East Midlands Conservative Council between 1966 and 1998 and as Deputy Chairman of the party from 2000 to 2003.

He stood for election three times: unsuccessfully contesting Chesterfield at the two 1974 General Elections and Nottingham at the 1979 European election. Lord Taylor won a gold medal at the Chelsea flower show in May 2009.

He received a CBE in 1992.